

Report with great interest, and from the fact of his having been familiar with many of the cases mentioned in that report, he felt it to be his duty to bear testimony to the hard work performed by that gentleman. The report conveyed but a slight conception of the vast amount of work dealt with, and the workings of the Society could only be ascertained by visiting that gentleman's office any day, and by seeing there the number of applicants for assistance of one form or another; there would there be found, in some instances, wives complaining of ill-treatment received at the hands of their husbands; in others, children requiring protection, and in a thousand and one ways was their secretary called upon to perform acts of kindness. Indeed no report could cover all the cases which were being continually dealt with, and the matters embraced in the report were but the more important of the cases that came under his care. Notwithstanding the laboriousness of the work, at times, there was still a fascination about it which lightened its care, and one felt compensated by knowing that he had been instrumental in rendering some act of kindness by which some unfortunate individual had been relieved. It was true that at the inception of the Society his professional relations made him appear hostile to it, but as he had on former occasions expressed himself, the sentiments he then uttered in defence of the persons accused by the Society, were not those of himself, but were rather those of his clients. (Laughter.) He had now assumed different relations towards the Society, and he was happy to say that his changed position was more in accord with his personal feelings. He looked upon the Society, as had already been said, as one of the most useful institutions in the city. One branch of the Society's work, that in relation to children, had been greatly aided by the Legislation, promoted by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. (Applause.) He was happy to see that during the current session of the Dominion Government, the acts in relation to cruelty had been consolidated, and that some important additions had been made to the law in reference to the subject, the result of which would be, if sanctioned, that this Dominion would have one of the most efficient codes for the repression of cruelty that could be found in the statutes of any country. As legal adviser of the Society, he had one great difficulty to contend with, and that was in connection with children,—it was an exceedingly difficult matter to deal with. He thought there was one thing to be regretted, namely, that Rockhead, which ought to contain all the elements of a reformatory, as well as those of a corrective nature, did not possess, in its machinery, such elements as were calculated to improve the young people who were sent there. He mentioned the matter especially at that moment, so that His Worship the Mayor, who was so devotedly attached to the

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